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TAGS: CASC, RP (ROCAMORA, JOEL)

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST CASE: W/W JOEL ROCAMORA

REF: STATE 25664

1. AFTER SEVERAL ATTEMPTS, SENATOR PERCY FINALLY REACHED AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ FEBRUARY 6 TO ASK FOR INFORMATION ON ROCAMORA CASE AND IN PARTICULAR TO FIND OUT IF GOP WOULD BE WILLING TO PERMIT ROCAMORA TO DEPART PHILIPPINES. PERCY, WHO STRESSED HIS PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE CASE, WAS APPARENTLY PLEASED BY AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ'S RESPONSIVENESS IN PROMISING TO FORWARD PERCY'S INQUIRY IMMEDIATELY TO GOP.

2. AS EMBASSY AWARE, THIS CASE IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE ONE WHICH HAS POTENTIAL OF BECOMING SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR GOP IN U.S. WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE RECEIVING STATUS REPORT BY OPENING OF BUSINESS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, WASHINGTON TIME PER PARA 3 REFTEL AND ANY FURTHER INFORMATION.
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ROCAMORA TO DEPART COUNTRY.

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